

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1, 3, 9, 11, 12-15 and 21 are allowed and claims 7, 8, and 12 are objected due to informalities.

Accordingly, to accept subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner and thereby place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants have amended the claims as follows:

- Dependent claim 7 has been amended without prejudice to address the informalities, identified by the Examiner.
- Claims 12, 15-20 and 22-27 have been canceled without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representative at the telephone number indicated below to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of the application.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is an additional fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 141270.

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Respectfully submitted,

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